The Laſt Speech of Sir GODFREY M'CULLOCH of *Myretoun*, Knight and Baronet, who was Beheaded at the Croſs of *Edinburgh*, the Twenty Sixth day of *March*, 1697.

I Am brought here good People to give Satisfaction to Juſtice, for the Slaughter of *William Gordon* deſigned of *Cardues*; And therefore I am obliged as a dying *Man*, to give a Faithfull and True Account of that matter.

I do declare in the Sight of GOD, I had no deſign againſt his Life, nor did *I* expect to ſee him, when I came where the Accident happened; I came there contrair to my Inclination, being preſſed by theſe two Perſons, who were the Principal Witneſſes againſt me, (they declaring he was not out of Bed) that I might relieve their Goods he had poinded; I do freely forgive them, and I Pray heartily GOD may forgive them, for bringing me to that place.

When I was in *England*, I was oft times urged by ſeveral Perſons, who declared they had Commiſſion from *Caſtle-Stewart* and his Lady, (now the Purſuers for my Blood) that I might give up the Papers of theſe Lands of *Cardines*, wherupon they promiſed not only a piece of Money, But alſo to concurr for procuring me a Reniſſion; And I have been ſeveral times ſince in the Countrie, where the Misfortune happened, and where they lived, but never troubled by any of them: Although now after they have got themſelves ſecured in theſe Lands without me, they have been very active in the Purſute, untill at laſt they have got me brought to this place.

I do acknowledge my Sentence is Juſt, and does not Repine; For albeit it was only a ſingle Wound in the Legg, by a ſhot of ſmall Hail, which was neither intended, nor could be foreſeen to be deadly; Yet I do believe, That GOD in his Juſtice hath ſuffered me to fall in that miſerable Accident, for which I am now to ſuffer, becauſe of my many other Great and Grievous unrepented for Sins: I do therefore heartily forgive my Judges, Accuſers, Witneſſes, and all Others who have now, or at any time Injured me, as I wiſh to be Foregiven.

I Recommend my Wife, and poor Children to the Protection of the Almighty GOD, who doth take Care of, and Provides for the Widow and Fatherleſs; And Prayes, That GOD may Stirr up and Enable their Friends and mine, to be Careful of them.

I have been Branded as being a *Roman Catholick*, which I altogether diſown, And Declare, as the Words of a *Dying Man*, who am inſtantly to make my Appearance before the *Great Tribunal of the Great GOD*, That I die in the *True Catholick Reformed Proteſtant Religion*, Renouncing all Righteouſneſs of my own, or any Others; Relying only upon the Merits of CHRIST JESUS, through whoſe Blood, I hope to be Saved, And whom I Truſt, will not only be my Judge, But alſo, Advocate with the Father for my Redemption.

Now Dear Spectators, As my Laſt Requeſt, *Again and Again*, I earneſtly Deſire, and Begg, The Aſſiſtance of Your Fervent Prayers, That, Although I ſtand here Condemned by Man, I may be Abſolved before the *Tribunal of the Great GOD*, That in place of this Scaffold I may enjoy a Throne of Glory; That this Violent Death may bring me to a Life of Glorious Reſt, Eternal in the Heavens: And that in place of all theſe Spectators, I may be Accompanyed with an Innumerable Company of Saints and Angels, Singing, *Hallelujah* to the Great KING to all Eternity.

Now, O LORD, Remember me with that Love Thou beareſt to Thy Own, O viſite me with Thy Salvation, that I may ſee the Good of Thy Choſen Ones, and may Glory in Thine Inheritance. LORD JESUS Purge me from all my Sins, and from this of Blood Guiltineſs, Waſh me in Thy Own Blood. Great are mine Iniquities, But Greater are the Mercies of GOD! O let me be amongſt the number of thoſe for whom CHRIST dyed; Be Thou my Advocat with the Father, Into Thy hands do I recommend my Spirit: Come, LORD JESUS Come, and receive my Soul, Amen.

Sic Subſcribitur

Sir GODFREY M'CULLOCH.

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